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1. MISSION POLAD DISCUSSED PROCEDURE FOR OPTION III CONSULTATIONS
ON JUNE 18 WITH SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL, AND DREW EXTENSIVELY ON REF A.

KASTL AGREED THAT GUIDANCE TO AHG ON OPTION III COULD BE URGENT MATTER, PARTICULARLY IF CSCE CONCLUDED BY END JULY. HE THOUGHT THE EARLY INDICATION TO THE ALLIES OF TIME FRAME WE HAD IN MIND WOULD BE USEFUL ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT SOME OF THE ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN TRILATERALS, MIGHT BE CONCERNED ABOUT COMPRESSING ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS, HE SAID HE WISHED TO BE HELPFUL, AND THAT AFTER POLAD HAD STATED U.S. VIEWS ON TIMING AT JUNE 19 SPC MEETING, HE (KASTL) WOULD OFFER TO COME UP WITH A WORK PROGRAM, AND WOULD THEN ON JUNE 20 CIRCULATE A DRAFT WORK PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES SET FORTH IN REF A.

2. KASTL POINTED OUT THAT THREE OR MORE DAYS OF SPC DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERTS IN WEEK OF JUNE 23 WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE MANY EXPERTS WILL ALREADY HAVE PLANNED TO LEAVE AFTER THE SECOND DAY, AND SINCE THE JUNE 25 NAC MEETING HAS A HEAVY AGENDA WHICH WILL REQUIRE PRESENCE OF SPC REPS. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A REGULAR SPC MEETING JUNE 26, WHERE SPC REPS COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, APPROVE THE WORK PROGRAM. SPC COULD MEET FOR THREE DAYS THE FOLLOWING WEEK, SINCE THERE IS NO NAC MEETING THAT WEEK. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT RE UTILITY OF MEETING MORE THAN THREE TIMES A WEEK, IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR CAPITALS TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF EACH WEEK'S MEETINGS. THIS IS OUR VIEW AS WELL.

3. WE INTEND AT SPC MEETING ON JUNE 19 TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BASED ON REF A:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE U.S. WISHES TO COMPLETE NAC CONSULTATIONS ON OPTION III BY THE END OF JULY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD ALLOW INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT A TACTICALLY APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FALL ROUND.

WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE BOTH THIS OBJECTIVE AND A FULL AIRING OF THE COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED THROUGH AN ACTIVE SPC WORK SCHEDULE. THE U.S. EXPERTS WHO WILL ATTEND REINFORCED SPC MEETINGS INTEND TO REMAIN IN SECRET

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BRUSSELS TO HELP IN OUR OBJECTIVE OF THOROUGH AND RAPID DISCUSSIONS.

THE U.S. HOPES THE SPC CAN HOLD MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON OPTION III THREE TIMES A WEEK DURING THIS PERIOD. WE WOULD WISH THE MEETINGS THE WEEK OF JUNE 23 TO CLEAR UP INFORMATIONAL MATTERS, MEETINGS THAT WEEK WOULD DISCUSS SUCH ISSUES AS (A) CONTENT OF THE OFFER, (B) OBJECTIVES OF THE OFFER, (C) WHETHER THE OFFER WOULD BE MADE AS A SINGLE PACKAGE OR SEPARATELY, (D) CEILING ISSUES, AND (E) AIR MANPOWER ISSUES. WE WOULD ALSO WISH THE MEETINGS THAT WEEK TO AGREE ON A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF OUR OPTION III CONSULTATIONS.

THE U.S. INTENDS, TOWARD THE END OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE

WEEK OF JUNE 23, TO CIRCULATE SUGGESTED DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE AHG, TO SERVE AS AN AID TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON CONCRETE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AT FOLLOWING MEETINGS. WE HOPE THAT THESE MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE SPC CAN FOCUS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE, AND LEAVE ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING SEPARABLE MATTERS SUCH AS TIMING AND TACTICS. END QUOTE

4. WE BELIEVE THAT IF U.S. IS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF COMPLETION OF CONSULTATIONS BY END OF JULY, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR U.S. TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN NOT ONLY HERE BUT DIRECTLY IN CAPITALS, WHICH IS WHERE THE FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON PACE OF SPC WORK. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT WASHINGTON ON JUNE 18 INSTRUCT EMBASSIES LONDON, BONN, THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS, OTTAWA AND ROME TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS BASED ON THE TEXT IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. WE ALSO ASK THAT THESE POSTS NOT USE OTHER PARTS OF REFTTEL IN THEIR APPROACH, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY USE THE OTHER PARTS WHEN TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS, AND IN ORDER NOT TO EMBARRASS INT'L STAFF, WHICH WILL INCORPORATE PARTS OF REFTTEL INTO THE IS DRAFT WORK PROGRAM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WASHINGTON INSTRUCT DEMARCHES DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. STREATOR

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